

Possible hazing reported

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Office of Student Life and the Interfraternity Council are currently investigating a possible hazing incident involving alcohol consumption.

Ironically, this week is National Hazing Prevention Week.

Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, said the incident occurred Sunday night off-campus at the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity house.

Bosco said an 18-year-old freshman male was found unresponsive and taken by fraternity members to Mercy Regional Health Center. He was determined to have severe alcohol poisoning.

The student has since been released from the hospital.

Bosco said the student will more than likely be return to classes today.

“Thank God the young man involved in this particular incident is ok,” said Bosco.

The office of Greek Affairs declined to comment.

H1N1 rarely diagnosed

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As H1N1 continues to spread on college campuses nationwide, school health centers are becoming busier and busier – Lafene Health Center included. According to Lafene’s H1N1 hotline, K-State has had about 72 reported cases of the virus. This number, though, can be misleading.

“Anyone who calls into the Office of Student Life, reports symptoms to their RA or is diagnosed at Lafene is considered a ‘reported’ case,” said Carol Kennedy, director of health promotion and nutrition counseling at Lafene.

Even the cases diagnosed at Lafene, while reliable, might not be completely accurate. Kennedy said most students diagnosed with H1N1 have not actually been tested for it.

“The state does not allow us to run those tests, so every week, two students we suspect have the virus get their samples sent to state labs to verify for H1N1,” Kennedy said. “If they come back positive, we know swine flu is active on campus.”

Based on these positive results, Lafene can diagnose other students with the H1N1 virus because it is the only active strain of the flu virus.

Tony McGrail, fifth-year student in architecture, said he visited Lafene after experiencing flu-like symptoms, including body aches, runny nose and sore throat for five days.

“I was never officially diagnosed with swine flu because the doctor said the test was expensive and not completely accurate,” McGrail said. “Because of my symptoms and the fact that I had been exposed to someone who had tested positive, he said it wasn’t worth it and recommended quarantining myself until I didn’t have a fever for 24 hours.”

Mercy Regional Health Center has a similar protocol and only tests for H1N1 if the patient is admitted to

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Congressional seat



United States Congressman, **Jerry Moran**, of the 1st district of Congress sneaks in and sits among students in a classroom in Cardwell Hall. Later **Moran** got up and talked to the Agricultural Policy class, which is taught by his friend and K-State Professor, **Barry Flinchbaugh**.

Representative Moran visits ag policy class

By Daniel Stewart and Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Jerry Moran, Republican Congressman from the first district of Kansas, surprised students in Cardwell 102 during an agricultural policy class. Agricultural policy, taught by Professor Flinchbaugh, listened to Moran about his experiences in Congress, how important agriculture is to Kansas and the nation, and agriculture in politics.

Moran has been in Congress for 14 years and has witnessed two farm bills during his tenure, the farm bill of 2000 and 2008. He is a member of Congress who represents one of the largest agricultural districts in the country and is a member of the House Agriculture Committee. Currently, he is the 2nd most senior Republican member on the committee.

“I recognized when I was elected to Congress there was no question what I was going to be, to put it in my words, I was going to be the ag guy,” said Moran. “I knew when I was going to Washington D.C. that agriculture was going to be where I was going to be assigned. I think the agricultural decisions we make in D.C. are very important. Much of my time in Washington is spent in agriculture. If you care about Kansas and the future of our state you have to care about the farmers and ranchers. agriculture is the most vital part to the Kansas economy.”

Moran said that unlike many other members on the agricultural committee, he spent time on a farm and knows the fundamentals of farming and ranching. He enjoys seeing other students majoring in agriculture who spent time on a farm as well. He said that it serves as valuable experience. It is truly wonderful to see students who had the opportunity to work with their family on a farm growing up. After asking for a show of hands of who had grown up on a farm, Moran was impressed on the number who had grown up on a farm in the classroom.

“It’s increasing, I keep a record,” said Flinchbaugh. “This is the 38th year I’ve been teaching. In the first class it was about 2/3s of the class. It got about as low as 8 percent, but in the past three years it has begun to creep back up.”



Barret Smith, senior in agricultural technology management and of the Maxiville agency, informs Congressman **Moran** of hardships young prospective farmers face in setting up their operations. **Smith** asked **Moran** if he intends to improve paperwork and cut the red string that surrounds the New Farmer Loans the Federal Government currently. **Moran** spoke in the Big 12 room at the K-State Student Union as part of his visit to K-State.

Moran said agriculture is important to the Kansas economy, because no matter what increase as urban and suburban areas rise continually.

“I do think Agriculture historically in our country is a significant way we have been able to transmit character, values, love of life, and way of life for one generation to the next,” Moran said. “There will be something missing in this country when the day comes when sons and daughters aren’t working on farms with their moms and dads. But, I don’t think this day will come.”

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Students still finding jobs, despite recession

By Sheila Ellis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The graduating class of 2010 will have even more trouble finding a job than the class of 2009, according to recent reports.

The unemployment rate for college graduates almost doubled from 2.8 percent last year to most recently 4.7 percent, according to statistics published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in July.

More recently, employers responding to a National Association of Colleges and Employers’ Job Outlook 2010 Fall Preview survey expect to trim college hiring again this year, following significant cutbacks in hiring that affected the class of 2009.

Among the 219 employers surveyed, 17 percent anticipate increasing hiring, 43 percent plan to maintain their college hiring at 2009 levels and 40 percent anticipate cutbacks.

So what’s the good news?

“The good news is employers are still looking to hire and fill positions,” said Kerri Day Keller, director of K-State Career and Employment Services.

To prove it, about 200 employers will be present at the All-University Career Fair today and Wednesday.

Keller said more than 60 employers will be conducting next-day interviews for likely immediate positions. Keller said class of 2010 graduates should take the gloomy statistics with a grain of salt.

There are a lot of people finding themselves

unemployed mid career, and Keller said some companies are more willing to hire an under-experienced college graduate with a lower salary now.

Marilyn Mackes, executive director of the Na-

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tional Association of Colleges and Employers, said employers are hoping the economy will get better and are holding out on recruitment efforts until the spring.

“Although employers anticipate doing most of their recruiting in the fall, we are seeing some movement to recruit in the spring,” Mackes said. “This is likely due to anticipation that the economic recovery will be underway by then.”

For the 2009-10 academic year, employers expect to conduct 60 percent of their recruiting in the fall and 40 percent in the spring. That’s a slight change from the 2008-09 academic year, when employers reported conducting 63 percent of their hiring in the fall and 37 percent in the spring.

By region, the outlook is positive only in the Northeast, where employers report plans to increase hiring by 5.6 percent. All other regions re-

port decreases: Midwest (-3.2 percent); Southeast (-9.9 percent); West (-36.8 percent).

Keller said many employers have indicated they will participate in next semester’s career fair instead of this fall. Last year, more than 300 employers were present at the career fair, that number fell by 100 this year. K-State’s peer institutions are experiencing similar decreases in career fair participation, Keller said.

K-STATERS FINDING JOBS

A CES survey that is still in process indicates more than 800 recent graduates have jobs out of the 2,300 students who graduated in 2009, Keller said.

Recent K-State graduate, Mardell Maxwell is one of the students who found a job but was filled with uncertainty and fear during his senior year.

“This is like the worst time to graduate,” said Maxwell, who majored in business administration. “I was very worried and very scared.”

He is now an admissions representative for K-State and recruits students from all over Kansas and California.

Though he intended to find a job in the business field, he said after looking at the job market, he was pretty much willing to go anywhere to work.

His advice to students: Do not be limited by a certain degree.

“There may be other opportunities out there,

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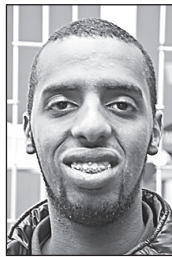
“Any woman wearing Ugg boots.”

Elliot Aprin
Sophomore, music



“Flip Flops and Cargo Pants.”

Cody Bansmer
Senior, mass communication



“Girls that go to class after working out.”

Mansour Asiri
Senior, mechanical engineering



“I saw this guy with a huge cowboy hat and he had too small of jeans and it looked like he had a wedgie.”

Andrew Faerber
Sophomore, pre-law

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The All-University Career Fair will be at Bramlage Coliseum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Wednesday. Check out career, internship and co-op opportunities. Visit k-state.edu/ces for more information. Employers A-J are scheduled to attend today, and employers K-Z are scheduled for Wednesday.

Disney College Program is sponsoring two informational presentations, one at 6 p.m. today and one at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, in K-State Student Union Room 207. For students unable to attend the presentations, an e-presentation is available at DisneyCollegeProgram.com.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Next Day Interviews from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Kristina Henderson at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Bluemont 16E. The thesis topic is "The Effects of a Cognitive Information Processing Career Intervention on the Dysfunctional Career Thoughts and Locus of Control of Underprepared College Students."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ramatoulaye Ndiaye at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Seaton

164H. The thesis topic is "Geographic Information Science: Contribution to Understanding Salt and Sodium Affected Soils in the Senegal River Valley."

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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Fatima Anis at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Cardwell 119. The thesis topic is "Role of Nuclear Rotation in H2+ Dissociation by Ultrashort Laser Pulses."

The entry deadline for intramural miniature golf is Thursday. Sign up an individual or four-person team in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Miniature golf will take place Sunday at Wildcat Creek in Frank Anneberg Park. For more information, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

Lafene Health Center has seasonal flu vaccinations available for students, faculty and staff (aged 18 and over). No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are allowed Thursday, as well as Oct. 1. Check in at the front desk. H1N1 vaccines are not expected until mid to late October. See Lafene's Web site for updates and more info.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yvonne Amanor-Boadu at 2 p.m. Sept. 29 at Campus Creek Complex room 214. The thesis topic is "A Comparison of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Women's Decision Making in Abusive Relationships."

Rec Services will sponsor Extreme Fitness, a free workshop at Peters Recreation Complex, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 10. The workshop is for individuals looking for a full-body workout challenge and is limited to 24 participants. The session is not for beginners, but for those capable of doing high-intensity movements. Sign up in the administrative office or call 785-532-6980.

Rec Services is offering Kat Kravings, a four-week program involving both nutrition and fitness, beginning Oct. 21. Participants will be matched with a personal trainer and receive nutritional assessment and recommendations. Cost is \$40 for students and \$60 for Peters Recreation Complex members. Sign up in the administrative office. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

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Are you afraid of graduating because of an uncertain job market?

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Wednesday's results: What McCain Performance Series event do you want to see most?

A) Jon Nakamatsu: 6 % B) LA Theatre Works: 18 % C) Orquestra de Sao Paulo: 12 % D) Rain: A tribute to the Beatles: 65 %

RCPD charges man with rape

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Kenneth Donald Bates, resident of Manhattan, was arrested at 6:35 p.m. Friday for the rape of a child under the age of 14 and five cases of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

The incidents occurred between Aug. 15, 2004, and Sept. 1, 2005, said RCPD Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr.

MAN ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

Lee Weston, resident of Manhattan, filed a report with the RCPD for aggravated burglary on Sunday, with estimated damages totaling \$360, Crosby said.

Weston said he was approached by two men who asked him for drugs and then robbed him at gunpoint in the parking lot of 1115 N. 12th St., Crosby said.

The first suspect is a black male, 5 feet, 11 inches. The second suspect is a Hispanic male, 5 feet, 9 inches, Crosby said. The men allegedly stole a cell phone and billfold.

THEFT AND CRIMINAL DAMAGES TO PROPERTY REPORTED TO RCPD

Donna Diskau, resident of Manhattan, filed a report with the RCPD of criminal damages to property, with estimated damages totaling

\$800. The incidents occurred between Sept. 15 and Sept. 16, when someone allegedly shot out her sliding glass door with a BB gun, Crosby said.

Vestoria Simmons, resident of Manhattan, filed a report of theft with the RCPD, with estimated damages totaling \$1,200. The incidents allegedly occurred over the night hours of Thursday and Friday when a party-goer at 2215 College Ave. stole a MacBook laptop computer, Crosby said.

James Rubick, resident of Manhattan, filed a report with the RCPD of criminal damages to his Ford F-250 vehicle, with estimated damages totaling \$615. The incident occurred between 2 and 3 a.m. Friday at 1101 Ratone, Crosby said.

Jamie Tull, resident of Manhattan, filed a report with the RCPD of criminal damage to property, with estimated damages totaling \$500, Crosby said. The incidents allegedly occurred in the overnight hours between Friday and Saturday, according to another RCPD report.

LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS SEX OFFENSE REPORTED

Adam Dieker, resident of Manhattan, was charged with a “lewd and lascivious sex offense,” according to a report filed by the RCPD. According to the report, the incident occurred at 12:20 p.m. on Friday, when Dieker exposed himself at 1505 Oxford Place.

Campaign for nonviolence plants 9-foot Peace Pole



Pat Embers, Native American student association community member, performs a Smudging ceremony at a newly added peace pole at the UFM House Monday afternoon on Thurston Street.

By Shelton Burch
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At the corner of North Manhattan Avenue and Thurston Street stands Manhattan’s newest Peace Pole.

Monday the pole was officially “smudged” in a ceremony performed for the public and sponsored by UFM.

The Smudging ceremony, set up by the K-State Campaign for Nonviolence, featured Native American style drums and burning embers, fanned by the feather from a wild turkey, while the audience stood in silence.

Kelly Eilert, graduate student in drama therapy, said her favorite part of the ceremony was the gathering of people who attended.

“It felt like it was an appropriate-sized gathering for this kind of thing,” Eilert said. “I felt really blessed to be part of it.”

The 1,000-pound pole is 9 feet tall, made from granite, and features the phrase “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in four different languages on each of its four sides. At the bottom of each side are animal tracks of heron, turtle, possum and bison.

Susan Allen, director of nonviolent education, said the Campaign for Nonviolence had set up a wooden pole at the Manhattan community gardens and saw this as an opportunity to make a real positive statement about their group. She said traditionally, peace poles are made out of white wood, but in this case granite was better because

it would last longer. So the Campaign for Nonviolence ordered it to be made out of granite instead.

Allen also said she had a deeper intention for the ceremony.

The smudging ceremony took place from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

“I really wanted it to be honoring the Native American Indians and the earth,” Allen said. “Human beings have a relationship with the earth, and it needs to be healthy and sustainable just like we need healthy sustainable relationships with each other.”

Pat Embers, Native American Student Association community member, performed the ceremony before a gathered crowd of about 20 people. She said she has been performing the smudging on invitation for about 30 years, and that she was taught by members of a Native American tribe how to do it. She said that because there are tens of thousands of peace poles similar to it in more than 200 countries, it really says something great about Manhattan to have a third pole and for K-State to have its own.

“It puts Manhattan on the map,” she said. “It serves as a symbolic connection between K-State and the community.”

To Embers, it also met a symbol of global connection with the granite in the pole representing the elements, the tracks on the pole representing the animals of nature, and the flowers surrounding the base of it representing the plant element.

Auntie Mae’s to host poetry night

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Jimbo Ivy wanted to open literary reading up to the public.

Lucky for Ivy, senior in English and creative writing, he works part-time as a doorman at Auntie Mae’s Parlor, in Aggieville.

Ivy’s student organization, The Writer’s Circle, will hold its first poetry night beginning at 10 tonight and ending around midnight.

“It’s called poetry night, but any kind of literature is welcome,” Ivy said. “If you call something an open mic night, people show up with guitars.”

Ivy said he chose Auntie Mae’s because it is small enough that the readers will be near the audience, and it can be more intimate. He wanted a small crowd and Auntie Mae’s will help provide that atmosphere. He said he hopes between 40 and 50 people would show up.

Traditionally, Auntie Mae’s allows only people age 21 or older to enter, but tonight will be the exception. Ivy said they would probably allow people 18 and older to enter starting around 9:30

p.m.

The idea for the poetry night evolved from the Ebony Theatre Group event called “The Word.”

“The Word” was a competitive event for something called “slam poetry.” Random audience members were chosen to judge each person’s poetry reading and at the end of the night a winner was declared.

Ivy said tonight’s event would not be a slam poetry event.

“We might host a slam event once in a while,” Ivy said, “but not every time. We are hoping to make this a monthly or bimonthly event if a lot of interest shows.”

Matt Bargabus, manager of Auntie Mae’s Parlor, said he didn’t know much about the event other than he agreed to provide a venue for Ivy and his group’s event.

The Writer’s Circle has a Web site at www.ksu.edu/writerscircle for anyone interested in joining the organization.

Ivy said they will not hold their first monthly meeting until October, and the date will be posted on the Web site once it is set.

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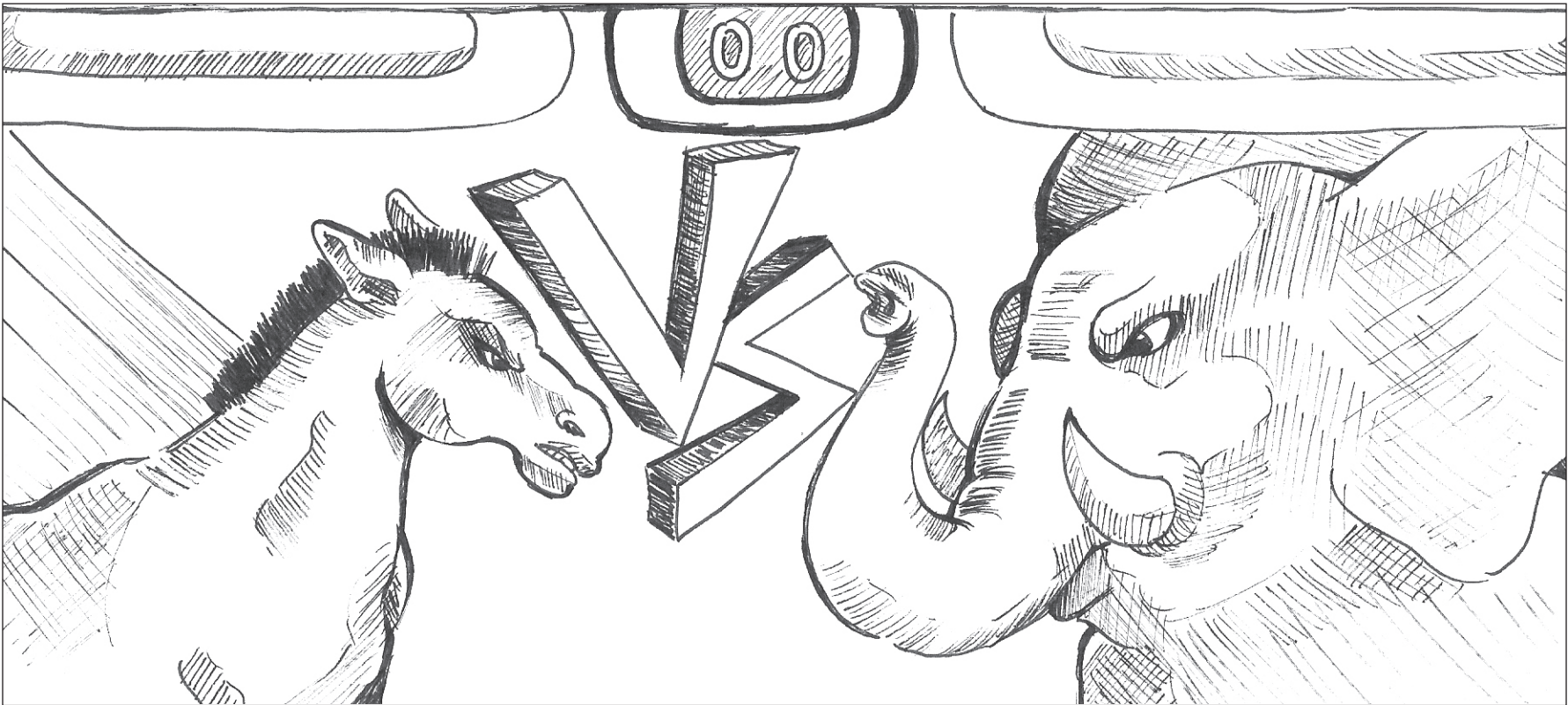


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Public option would spare families from financial ruin

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson* are hard-working Americans who own a successful business. One day, Mrs. Johnson was using a box cutter and sliced her finger. Thinking nothing of this cut, she placed two butterfly Band-Aids over the cut and went on with her work. When she went home, her finger was still sore, yet without health care she did not have the option to have a doctor examine it.



MOLLY MCGUIRE

Two days later her finger had swelled to twice its size, which forced her to go to the fire department to have her ring removed. By that evening, the swelling had spread to all her arm and the pain was unbearable, so she became one of 380 citizens who visit the local emergency room each day.

While she was at the emergency room, she found out that she had the beginning of a staph infection in her finger. Had she not been able to claim worker's compensation, her family would have lost all of its savings. This would mean her four sons and two daughters would not have been able to go to college; the family would have lost its business and its income.

Her story demonstrates a few key issues within the health care debate. It is difficult to imagine that the Johnsons are the only family unable to purchase health care insurance. With a public option, this would help protect the hard-working business owners in America who are not able to afford a health care plan.

The number of uninsured people is even more concerning when you look at the number in Kansas. According to the most recent census, the number of uninsured Kansans has increased in the past seven years to 330,000. The census goes on to demonstrate that

13.4 percent of Kansans who are employed by larger business still do not have health care.

The Johnsons demonstrate that even a small medical problem can destroy the entire family's savings and fundamentally change their plans for the future. When a person does not have health care, even the smallest cut can be devastating.

The current health care system puts college graduates in danger, since most of their families' health insurance will drop their coverage once they are out of college. This seems particularly concerning in our economic situation, with hiring freezes around the country. This means that while our K-State graduates might be the most qualified in their field, they are still fairly unlikely to get a job where they will have adequate health care.

While the Republicans in Congress and pundits have argued that the public option will destroy the competition of private insurance, they are simply wrong. This competition between public and private industries will allow for the best insurance policy options.

This seems to be a win-win scenario for citizens and their insurance companies. Americans will win because they will have the best option of health care to choose from, and the insurance companies will win because they will become more productive and efficient which is crucial to ensuring that their business becomes the best in the field.

While we might not all agree on the health care reform debate and the best way to solve it, we can all agree that our system is not working and something needs to be done.

(*The names in this story have been changed to protect identities.)

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Health care problems stem from costly medical lawsuits

There is no question that there are imperfections within the American health care and insurance industry, but what are the real issues at hand?

Is it 47 million people uninsured? Or is it exorbitant health care costs? Or maybe people not being able to receive health insurance because of pre-existing conditions?



DOUG SHANE

First thing's first: of the 47 million people, only a portion of them actually cannot afford health insurance. According to a study done by the Employment Policy Institute, of the 47 million, about 43 percent can afford health insurance but choose not to purchase it. This group is vastly made up of 18- to 30-year-olds who would rather spend their money on other things. Of the remaining 57 percent, about 40 percent did not work in the last year, and about one-third are illegal immigrants.

So what does this tell us about the uninsured? They are a group of people who a) do not think insurance is important enough to buy, b) do not think a job is important enough to survive, or c) are not legal citizens of the United States.

Perhaps there is an underlying societal problem. If the 57 percent are not able to afford health care, then why do many of them have brand new flat screen TVs on the wall? The fact of the matter is a majority of people who utilize government programs lack initiative. I understand there are people who need assistance, however, government programs have also rewarded people for their lack of initiative.

Everyone in our society is trained to be a victim from the time they hit the public schools. We are all victims of someone else's racism, sexism, greed, our circumstances, our fathers, our mothers, the region of the country we were born in, etc. But at what point are we responsible for our own circumstances?

I digress.

I had surgery on my finger a few weeks ago and just got the bill. It turns out a simple thorn and soft tissue removal from a finger costs about \$1,600. Seems expensive to me, especially when I consider the simplicity of the surgery.

What caused this? People talk about defensive medicine. It means that doctors are so worried about being sued by greedy trial lawyers that they do things that are not necessary.

For the surgery on my finger they wanted to fully anesthetize me. For my finger.

Why? They do not want to risk me moving, causing an accident and then having a lawsuit on their hands. Therefore, "defensive" practices.

Tort reform could be used to help solve this problem, which effectively puts limits on the amount of money a doctor can be sued for. Undeniably there needs to be a system in place to hold doctors accountable for when there is a true occurrence of malpractice, but people also need to learn they cannot just sue uncontrollably.

Does Suzy really deserve \$150 million because the doctor caused her to have pain in her left foot for the rest of her life? Well, if he was negligent in surgery, then he does owe her something, but \$150 million? Help the doctors so they do not have to practice defensive medicine, and maybe we can get costs down.

Another issue is the cost of insurance. The president's answer to these problems is to give people two choices: one being a government option and the other being a private sector option.

However, his plan would effectively make private insurance so expensive that everyone would eventually be forced to move to the government option. People would still pay for their health coverage via taxes, surtaxes, fees and, of course, a regular payment.

Instead, open up the state lines so the insurance companies all compete, which will bring prices down in addition to providing more coverage options to consumers. This might create an insurance environment that allows people with the worst pre-existing conditions to receive affordable health insurance.

Our health is one of the most important decisions we have in our lives. Do you want to hand your health decisions over to a Washington bureaucrat?

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Chivalry is officially dead. Three girls were working on a car and 10 guys walked by without offering to help. Stupid campus guys.

Why you shaking it? Show your package.

Can whoever picked my car keys up off the sidewalk please return them to me?

I have something in my throat.

To the Edward Cullen I hooked up with this weekend: No, thank you.

I'm at the library, and some kid and his friend took a picture of one of the guy's crotches. Gross.

Kramer closing your doors at 6:20? Weak Sauce.

Hey, so is the Fourum male or female in gender?

If you are in the computer lab on Facebook, you need to leave because there are students here that actually do work.

Reading the Fourum makes me hate people.

Dear Manhattan, you live in Kansas. You should know how to drive in the rain.

It's opening day of bow season, Sept. 21, and I'm going to class. Hope you're happy, Mom.

Sasquatch owns you.

Creepier: no creeping. Creepier: no creeping. Creepier: no creeping. Oh, man.

Does anybody else think K-State needs tunnels so we don't have to walk in the rain? Either that or just cancel class. That would work too.

I just realized I did four loads of laundry without detergent. Awesome.

The day that showering with the clothes on stops is the day we will stop fighting wars.

Reasons to hate waking up: 1. I had to wake up. 2. Actually got dressed. 3. It's cold outside. 4. Dumb sprinklers. 5. Chugged my Mountain Dew. 6. My spot was taken. 7. Calc sucks.

To the guy in physics who broke the chair: You're awesome.

This is to the lady outside of Hale honking at all the kids crossing: Honking only makes us walk slower. Thank you.

Hey, DHL truck driver, thanks for trying to run me over today on campus. See if I ever pay for your services.

Morfy Morf just commanded the rain to stop, and it did.

Dear City of Manhattan, fix your sewers. All the students hate getting wet when a car hits a puddle. Thank you.

Attention to all P4 male residents: Beware of the naked Russian.

To the girl with the rain boot and actual medical boot on: Sexy, sexy.

If K-State has clubs for everyone, when and where does the Pokemon Masters Club meet?

He's a pepper, she's a pepper, Dr Pepper. It makes the world taste better.

Instead of riding my bike to class or walking to class because it is raining outside, I would ride my jet-pack.

Since when do we let green tree-hugging hippies have a loudspeaker in Bosco Student Plaza? Seriously, K-State, why?

To the guy who looked like a rubber duckie in my Ag-Econ class: Quack.

How does she get those pants on?

Brooke, stop lying, you weren't Miss Teen Kansas. Runner up, I believe.

So, I just came all the way into campus in the rain for a class I don't have until tomorrow. Yep.

Hey, Fourum, I just wanted to remind you that there's more disabled people on campus than just Whyte Lyte so stop using the same picture and him in all your articles. Thanks.

I just saw the guy from the "Mind your haircut" videos driving a white Honda Civic on Clafin.

To all the girls on campus: If you're going to wear Spandex pants, please don't wear granny panties.

Remember, I'm your ride home.

When you see ag students walking around in mud boots you know it's time to start building an ark.

First Ugg sighting of the season. Holy crap, they're starting early.

Yes, I can see that you have a 'fro. You don't need the pick.

Dear Quest Redemption e-mail, I'd like to have my Sunday afternoon back. Thanks.

Yo, Karen Ingram, I'm happy for you, and I'm going to let you finish, but have you ever been happy in your life?



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Offense, Coffman to blame for UCLA loss

Last Saturday night, the K-State football team made its first trip to the Rose Bowl to play UCLA and left with a 23-9 loss.

Breaking down this loss is fairly simple. The improved Wildcat defense is not expected to hold good offenses to less than 20 points; meanwhile, K-State has only managed to score more than 20 points in one of its first three games – its only win against the University of Massachusetts.

You do the math. The offense is squarely to blame in this loss. The improved play of the special teams, though not extraordinary as it was under former coach Ron Prince, made that perfectly clear on national television Saturday night.

Last week, special teams cost the Wildcats the game. This week, while there were still mistakes in the kicking game, it was the play of the offense, particularly quarterback Carson Coffman, that lost the game for K-State.

Throughout the game, you could see K-State's offense moving the ball with mostly effective plays. But when it came to putting the ball in the end zone, the Wildcats struggled all night. They couldn't come up with a touchdown until the third quarter, when Daniel Thomas carried the bulk of the load in a solid 80-yard drive for the Wildcats.

"Offensively, we've put ourselves in position to change the complexity and outcome of the ball-game," said head coach Bill Snyder in a Monday teleconference. "But we couldn't take advantage of the opportunities. The first four possessions the offense had ended in UCLA territory, so the ball was getting advanced, and we were getting ourselves in position, but as in the week before, we couldn't take advantage of the opportunities that were there."

With Thomas having a solid game, it's too bad that Coffman couldn't produce much through the air. Coffman ran the offense poorly, throwing two interceptions and fumbling the ball twice. In his defense, Coffman did not lose either fumble for K-State, but it still shows his carelessness with the ball.

Every time he called his own number for a running play, Wildcat fans had their fingers crossed hoping he wouldn't make a critical mistake. Consider this: Coffman was so bad running the football that he rushed the ball 20 times for a total of only 67 yards.

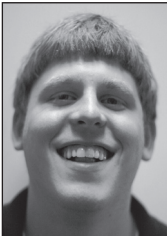
However, he was ineffective on so many plays and sacked deep in the pocket enough times that he ended up with 61 yards lost, for a net gain of six yards in the night. Had he not gained 19 yards on a run in the first quarter, it's likely he would have led the team in rushes and had a negative number in the yards per carry statistical category.

Another intriguing offensive strategy was to go solely with Coffman at quarterback. Grant Gregory, who has received limited playing time in relief of Coffman in both previous games, was not inserted into the lineup even once. This seems puzzling based on his ability to run the football more effectively than Coffman. It makes sense to me that if you're going to keep running quarterback draws play after play, you'd put in your best running quarterback.

It's also not fair to blame Coffman for all the Wildcat offensive woes, because the offensive line had a tough job trying to handle the Bruins' defensive front. They have some quality depth on their defensive line, and it showed Saturday night. But that doesn't excuse Coffman for not making big plays when it mattered most. That's the job of the quarterback.

Snyder is interested in winning games, no matter who handles the duties of quarterback. He has been known to pull ineffective quarterbacks and replace them with younger players who do not make the same mistakes week after week. Will he make any changes? Time will tell, but Wildcat fans are not going to be happy with Coffman's continually sloppy play week after week. Hopefully Coffman will make a statement next Saturday against lowly FCS opponent Tennessee Tech. If he can't do that, a change should definitely be made.

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GRANT GUGGISBERG

SPORTS

Jumpin' for joy

Off the court with Kathleen Ludwig

Kathleen Ludwig is a redshirt-freshman on the K-State volleyball team. Ludwig, a native of Shawnee, Kan., leads the Wildcats in service aces and ranks third on the team in total kills this season. She recently discussed a variety of topics, including her relationship with her teammates and her teaching ambitions.

Q: Was the decision for you to redshirt last year a personal decision, or was it a mutual decision between you and the coaches?

A: It was a little bit of both. We kind of sat down and talked about it. Obviously, we had Nataly [Korobkova] last year, and she was a senior. She was more experienced and more familiar with the system. Looking back at it, I think it was a good decision. It gave me a year to kind of learn and get stronger. It was a long year, no doubt. I was hungry and ready to get out there.

Q: Between Korobkova and Rita Liliom, were you able to learn a lot?

A: I was able to learn a lot and practice a lot against them and with them, just like any other player. I took notes from both of them.

Q: How does it feel to be able to contribute to the team this season?

A: It feels great. More than anything, I just love to play volleyball, and I feel really lucky to be able to play here especially. I'm just trying to work hard and learn a lot. I'm trying not to get too wrapped up and think too much about it, but I'm really enjoying being out there for sure.

Q: After being a two-sport athlete in high school, when did you start to primarily focus on volleyball?

A: My senior year. I ran track and did some theater, but senior year I focused mainly on volleyball. I was able to get some workouts for



K-State early and kind of prepare earlier, so my senior year is when I got super serious.

Q: What made you want to continue your career here at K-State?

A: I knew I wanted to stay in Kansas. I'm kind of a homebody. I looked at KU and K-State both and just felt a lot more at home here. I liked the environment, and I liked the people. Suzie [Fritz] was so welcoming. I really saw myself being the best volleyball player I could be, and I pictured myself here. I've really loved it so far.

Q: Are any of your sisters active in sports?

A: Barbara, my oldest sister, played volleyball at Baker, and my little sister's in high school playing JV. And my other sister played in high school. There's been a lot of volleyball.

Q: Do you have a best friend here on the team?

A: I live with Caitlyn [Donahue], Abby [Fay] and [Kelsey] Chipman. We're around each other a lot, and we're always trying to keep it light and keep it fun when we're off the court. Abby and I are pretty close. I would say she's my closest friend. We spend a lot of time together.

Q: What do you and Abby like to do when you're not playing volleyball?

A: We just like to hang out, watch movies and just try to relax. We just hang around at home, and we'll bake cookies or paint a room a crazy color or something like that. We try to keep it low key.

Q: What are your goals during your time at K-State?

A: Well, I'm in elementary education, so I definitely want to get that accomplished. I just want to enjoy the ride. Like I said, I feel really lucky to be here. I just want to take it all in stride. Hopefully, we'll get a Big 12 first-second-third place finish within the next four years. I think that would be great. I just want to become the best person, student and volleyball player that I can be.

Q: Do you have any ambitions beyond your collegiate career?

A: I would just love to be a teacher. I want to teach elementary and coach high school. I don't think I could do it the other way. I'd like to teach first through fourth grade. I'm really enjoying my classes for that. I want to go back to my high school and coach; maybe get a couple state championships.

—Compiled by Justin Nutter

THE KATHLEEN LUDWIG FILE

Year: Redshirt-freshman	education
Position: Outside hitter	Matches played: 12
Hometown: Shawnee, Kan.	Matches started: 12
	Kills: 127
High school: Bishop Miege	Aces: 18
Major: Elementary	Digs: 115
	Blocks: 29

Men's golf team currently atop leaderboard

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's golf team is in first place with an 8-stroke lead entering the final round of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate today.

The team shot a 287 during the rain-shortened first day of the event. Originally, the teams were to play 36 holes of golf

yesterday, but soggy conditions forced play to begin at 1 p.m. instead of the scheduled start of 8:30 a.m.

The Wildcats led the field with Illinois St., Kansas, UMKC and Western Illinois rounding out the top 5.

Individually, the Wildcats performed well with Joe Ida tied for second. Mitchell Gregson and

Curtis Yonke both tied for fourth.

If the Wildcats come out on top tomorrow, they will win their first tournament this season and the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate for the second year in a row.

Also worth noting: Former Wildcat golfer Robert Streb won his professional debut last weekend at the Oklahoma Open in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Streb, who graduated from K-State in 2008 and led last year's team as its lone senior, shot a 4-under-par 66 to win the event by four strokes over second-place finisher Danny Edwards.

He led last year's Wildcat men's golf team with a school-record 71.59 stroke average and had 12 top-20 individual finishes as a senior as well.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MCNABB'S STATUS UNSURE FOR SATURDAY AGAINST CHIEFS

Donovan McNabb told ESPN on Monday that he is still in pain and was not sure whether he will be back for the Eagles game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday at Lincoln Financial Field.

"There is still pain," McNabb told ESPN's Sal Paolantonio in a brief interview as he arrived for treatment Monday at the team's practice facility in South Philadelphia. "With these rib injuries, I don't know. It's Monday. We'll see how it goes."

Eagles head coach Andy Reid said Monday that backup quarterback Kevin Kolb will take all the first-team quarterback snaps in practice Wednesday. Kolb, who had 391 yards passing with two touchdowns and three interceptions in the loss to the Saints, will start if McNabb cannot play.

McNabb was injured in the season opener at Carolina. He did not practice last week and ruled out 90 minutes before kickoff.

Under the terms of his re-instatement, Michael Vick can play for the Eagles this Sunday. Team sources said Reid is putting together an extensive package of plays for Vick, including shotgun and wildcat formations. Against the Saints on Sunday, the Eagles lined up in the wildcat nine times, gaining 45 yards.



McNabb

NFL DOESN'T PLAN TO WORK AROUND POSSIBLE SCHEDULE CONFLICT

The NFL said Monday it will not swap sites for this season's Green Bay Packers-Minnesota Vikings games in case the baseball playoffs get in the way at the Metrodome.

Green Bay plays at Minnesota on Monday night, Oct. 5, pitting Brett Favre against his old team in front of a national TV audience.

Meanwhile, the Minnesota Twins trail the Detroit Tigers by three games in the AL Central with 13 games left to play. If the two teams finish tied for first place, the Twins will be host to a tiebreaker game if they beat the Tigers in the overall season series. Minnesota leads 9-5, with four games remaining in Detroit next week.

The Twins and White Sox needed a 163rd game to decide the division last year, a game that was played in Chicago. Major League Baseball typically schedules tiebreaker games for the Monday right after the regular season because playoff series begin that week.

NFL spokesman Dan Masonson said the Packers-Vikings game next month will not be moved, however. Green Bay later hosts Minnesota on Nov. 1.

"There is no swap under consideration," Masonson said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "We are closely monitoring the situation."



BEASLEY REJOINS HEAT AFTER REHAB SESSION

Michael Beasley rejoined his Miami Heat teammates Monday following a monthlong stay in a rehabilitation facility to address substance abuse and other issues.

Beasley took part in a voluntary offseason workout and quickly drew rave reviews from coaches, many of whom were able to visit and work with him during the rehab stint. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra saw Beasley three times in the past month, and someone from the Heat staff was with the second-year forward daily.

"We want to bring him back to the family, bring him back in here," Spoelstra said. "We're 100 percent behind him. We've invested in him, not just financially but emotionally. We've spent a great deal of time with him this summer, trying to develop him on the court but also off the court. He's ready. He was excited to be back here."

Beasley, who starred at K-State for one season before jumping to the NBA, was not available for comment Monday. No specifics of his treatment have been offered, with both the Heat and people close to Beasley citing privacy concerns.

The No. 2 pick in the 2008 draft will be with the team when training camp opens officially on Sept. 29.



Beasley

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Fashion failures

College students often fail to dress to impress

Many students at K-State make an effort to look clean and presentable in their classes, as well as stepping things up a notch or two for the weekend. Some students, however, do not. This is a list of 10 fashion “don’ts” commonly seen around K-State.

Ultra-miniskirts and dresses. Clothing should be long enough to cover all genitalia and buttocks in /any normal position. That includes sitting, standing, walking, playing beer pong, going up stairs and bending over to pick up your phone after you dropped it. If it’s not long enough, throw on a pair of leggings or simply don’t wear it. If it’s on the verge of super shortness, don’t wear high heels as they will just make your dress or skirt look even more minuscule. See the note about Uggs for appropriate footwear to pair with leg-baring ensembles.

Visible undergarments. Underwear should never be outerwear, no matter how snazzy that new bra or those special boxers are. Even worse is a visible thong. Nothing says trashy like displaying your barely-there panties for the world to see.

When buying underwear or getting dressed, take a moment to think about how the clothing will look after two hours of wear. Men: will your pants have fallen so low that they barely hang on to the edge of your buttocks? If the answer is yes, invest in a belt and fasten it at the proper size. Ladies: will your jeans cover your crack when you first put them on? If the answer is no, it’s time to get different jeans. Whether or not your underwear covers your entire behind, your outerwear always should.



Anything KU. This should be a given for anyone living in Manhattan, but some people don’t seem to understand. There’s not much to say on this topic, but it’s important to remember what school you attend and then dress accordingly.

Hoodie and sweatpants. Whether they coordinate or not, these pieces should only be worn in public for working out. It’s completely unnecessary to wear them anywhere else. If you’re cold, wear jeans and thermal underwear (aka leggings), which are warmer than sweatpants and less likely to drag in puddles and end up soaking wet by the end of the day.

Anything that is too tight. Many people seem to think squeezing themselves into a shirt, a dress or a pair of pants that are ridiculously too tight will somehow make them look good. It won’t. Clothes should be tight enough to show a person’s shape but loose enough to skim over any awkward bumps, whether they are from bulging abdominal and pectoral muscles or from a little bit of a beer belly left over from the weekend.



Cowboy ensemble. While we are an agriculturally based school, it is not necessary to constantly dress like you’re about to wrangle some cattle. Unless, of course, you are. If wearing a tucked-in plaid shirt, belt, Levi jeans, cowboy boots and a hat all at the same time is completely necessary, there should probably be a specific and fairly evident reason. For example, there should be cows nearby or some other sort of agricultural endeavor. Otherwise, pick a couple key pieces to express your embodiment of all things agricultural, and leave the rest in the closet for tomorrow.



Cut-off T-shirts. Cutting the sleeves off a shirt does not entail cutting out both sides of that shirt as well. Any shirt with arm holes so big that the shirt can easily reveal the wearer’s nipples (or the middle of a sports bra) should be thrown away. If you want everyone to see your pectorals or cute bra, just don’t wear a shirt in the first place. (Note: this goes for working out only. As a general rule, wearing a shirt is necessary.)



Ugg boots. While the boots themselves are not a definite “don’t,” they do require an outfit that makes sense with the purpose of the shoes. Ugg boots, along with the various knock-off versions, are fur-lined boots designed to keep feet warm, dry and comfy in cold, snowy weather. This means that it does not make sense to wear them with short miniskirts or dresses. Invest in some cute leather or suede boots if you want to go for the booted, leggy look.

Last night. Even if you never made it home, don’t broadcast that information to the world through your clothing. Wash your face, change up the placement of your belt (ladies can borrow a guy’s shirt and belt it at the waist to suddenly look fashionable instead of unkempt), use someone’s deodorant or body spray, or simply tuck your shirt in. Unless there is some sort of stain on the garment, it’s completely unnecessary to look like you’ve been wearing that shirt for more than a day.



Dirt. This is closely related to wearing last night’s cloths, but is much more important. Having basic hygiene makes any of these fashion blunders significantly less tragic by showing that, while you might not know how to dress yourself, you at least know how to bathe. If you have to smell yourself to see if it’s time for a shower, the answer will be yes. Taking a shower isn’t a difficult task, and five minutes under running water can make everyone around you significantly happier all day long.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

KARA DIOGUARDI LOOKS FORWARD TO NEW ‘AMERICAN IDOL’ JUDGE

“American Idol” judge Kara DioGuardi, 38, said she is excited for Ellen DeGeneres to join the show.

“I think it’s a genius decision,” said DioGuardi, the judge who joined the top-rated FOX show last season. “I wish I had thought of it.”

DioGuardi said she’s looking forward to the new dynamic on the show now that DeGeneres is replacing the recently departed Paula Abdul as the show’s “nice” judge.

“I know a little bit about Ellen from watching her show, and I would say she would probably be somebody who would be fair in her criticism and will try to be as supportive as she possibly could,” said DioGuardi. “I think it’s going to be a lot of fun.”

DioGuardi also said she doesn’t expect any clashes between judges, which were common between Abdul and judge Simon Cowell.

“[Ellen will get along with everyone] 100 percent,” she said. “I was on her show once, and she’s lovely, generous, very kind. I think it’s going to be great.”

DioGuardi’s even saving DeGeneres a seat. When asked where the new judge would be placed, she answered: “Hopefully, next to me.”



DioGuardi

‘DANCING WITH THE STARS’ UPDATES SCORING FORMAT

The season nine premiere of “Dancing with the Stars” last night included a new scoring and elimination process.

Yesterday the male celebrities will perform, while tonight’s show will feature only the women. Two contestants will go home Wednesday night.

Each celebrity’s first dance of the night is scored as usual by the judges, who hold up their paddles to indicate one to 10 points from each, for a maximum possible score of 30.

The second dance is a relay in which each couple will dance for 30 seconds of a song. Judges will rank each 30-second leg of the relay. The pair that comes in first place gets 10 points, the second-place pair gets eight points, third is six points and fourth is four points. The maximum total score a contestant can receive on Monday or Tuesday night’s show is 40 points.

These combined scores, factored in with America’s vote, will determine which contestants — one man and one woman — will be eliminated on Wednesday’s live results.

On Sept. 28, the show will resume its cus-



tomary format of performance shows on Monday and live results shows on Tuesday, but the dance-off format will return for weeks five, six and seven of the season. Two couples will be sent home in each of those weeks, reducing the cast from 11 to five couples in just three weeks.

BUNDCHEN NEW UNITED NATIONS GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

The United Nations recently appointed model Gisele Bündchen as a goodwill ambassador. Bündchen’s focus will be raising awareness about climate change.

“I’m really honored to have received a call from the U.N.

to spread the message about climate change in the world,” Bündchen said during an appearance in Manhattan’s Washington Square, where her new position was announced Sunday.

At the event, Bündchen discussed what inspired her activism.

“I started paying attention to what was happening with the environment when I had a visit to the Xingu area of the Amazon in 2003. I spent a week with an Indian tribe, and everyone was complaining they were getting sick because the waters



Bündchen

were polluted,” she said.

“All these pesticides were going into the rivers because there were no trees to protect the rivers. The fish were sick. The water was polluted. I was like, ‘Who is doing something about this?’”

She decided to take action, blogging her green tips on her Web site and creating a charity, Agua Limpa, whose aim is to plant trees along the Amazon to help purify the water. Now, she’s joining forces with the United Nations Environmental Programme to spread the word.

KHLOE KARDASHIAN TO WED

After dating for nearly a month, Khloe Kardashian, star of “Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami” and “Keeping Up with the Kardashians,” and boyfriend Lamar Odom, a forward for the L.A. Lakers, are planning their wedding.

“They’re very, very happy,” said Kim Kardashian, Khloe’s older sister. “They’ve been together a few weeks and are literally inseparable. Khloe thinks he’s amazing and makes her laugh and smile constantly.”



Kardashian

MORAN | Students impressed by visit

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Moran then geared his focus towards the future, suggesting that the outlook for United States agriculture is bright and our great futures lays in the hands of a hungry world. "As America becomes more efficient and as the consumer opportunities increase and the dietary needs of the world are enhanced I think American agriculture will have a great future," Moran concluded. Moran then headed a Q and A session for the students in the classroom.

"I thought it was really great and a unique opp. to have a congressman show an interest in K-State students and really refreshing to have a congress who cared enough about what students think to take time to talk directly with us," said Dena Bunnell, senior in agriculture communication and journalism and political science.

K-State is among 30 schools that Moran visits yearly to speak about agriculture and politics.

JOBS | K-State recourses help prepare students for job searching

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but people just are set on getting a job specifically in the area of their degree," he said.

ADVICE

While looking for a job during a tough economic recession, Keller gave two major pieces of advice: use your resources and keep an open mind.

Keller said making individual contact with people who are in the industries that students want to work in is crucial. She suggests using social networking, like *Facebook.com* and *Linkedin.com*.

Students should take advantage of the tools available to them from CES, including résumé critiques, specialized workshops and job postings on the Web, Keller said.

"Students need to have their toolbox ready to go for when the opportunity comes," she said.

She encouraged students to participate in career preparation activities including mock interviews.

"Sometimes it's hard to get students to go to mock interviews," she said. "But they should think about it as being an investment in being

prepared, being ready for the future."

Keller said students should be willing to take an entry-level position or lower pay to gain experience needed to build a career.

Rimmon McNeese, a 2007 K-State graduate in speech communication, said it was not easy to find a job directly after graduation.

He was out of work for a few months before he found a job in sales with Sprint, a wireless service provider.

He now works for Service Magic, where he connects homeowners with home-modeling contractors.

He said his job is recession proof. "No matter how the economy is, there are always people who will update or remodel their home," McNeese said.

McNeese's is just one example of the economic environment students are experiencing after graduation.

According to a 2006 study from the National Bureau of Economic Research, those who graduate during a recession tend to start at smaller and lower-paying companies, forcing them to change jobs more frequently than those who graduate during better times.

In McNeese's position, he is using his ma-



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

K-State graduate, **Mardell Maxwell**, got a job as an admissions rep for the university after having his share of fears towards finding a job in today's economy.

job in speech and minor in public relations to communicate with clients and contractors.

"Regardless of how the economy there is always going to be some company that is flourishing," he said. "You just have to go out and find them."

His advice to students: Be patient and know that finding the perfect job out of college is not an overnight process.

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K-State conducts SoyFACE plant experiments

By Daniel Stewart
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State has been taking part in a series of experiments geared toward learning how crops respond to different levels of carbon dioxide in the air and changes in the ozone layer.

These experiments are simulating the effects of the ozone layer on plants years down the road and serve as precious data for the future of agriculture.

Abbey Laughlin, sophomore in biology and pre-medicine, along with Richard Jeannotte, research associate of the Kansas Lipidomics Research Center, have been experimenting with soybeans in an ongoing experiment in a facility known as SoyFACE – Soybean Free Air Concentration Enrichment, located at the University of Illinois, in Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

“Soybeans and maize are the two main crops we are experimenting on. We test the effects of carbon dioxide and ozone and the interaction of the two,” Jeannotte said. “We conduct major studies to assess the effect of ozone and the ozone’s effect of carbon dioxide.”

According to SoyFACE’s Web site, the experimentation encompasses growing crops under production field conditions in an atmosphere that is anticipat-

ed for the middle of this century, namely one with higher levels of carbon dioxide and ozone. SoyFACE is designed to discover the effects of atmospheric change on the agronomy and productivity of Midwestern crops as well as to find solutions that will lead to crops better adapted to this future.

“Plants will be different in 50 and 100 years,” Laughlin said. “We’ll be prepared for the future with these experiments because we will know what to expect.”

These experiments are ongoing and new results are being brought up all the time. Having the foresight to experiment now could help farmers in growing crops, prepare mankind to take necessary steps toward preservation of vegetation, and allow us a peek into the future, said Laughlin.

“It could be devastating. It’s possible all of our crops could just stop growing and die in years to come,” Laughlin said. “But that’s why we are doing these experiments, so we can look into the future and predict what will happen with plant growth.

“I’m not saying that will happen, but it is important to know how plants will change in response to the ozone and carbon dioxide levels so we can prepare for it.”



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Under magnification the details of these leaves become more vivid. Even the smallest pin prick becomes like an abyssal void in the living veins when viewed in a macro sense.

H1N1 | Vaccine could be available this fall

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the hospital, said Vivan Nutsch, infection control coordinator at Mercy. Like Lafene, the hospital must have a state lab do the H1N1 testing.

Because it is not flu season, this method is working. However, it might cause problems later when H1N1 is not the only active strain.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is developing a vaccine for H1N1 that should be available sometime this fall, according to its Web site. The normal seasonal flu vaccine will not protect against swine flu, so students who are at high risk for illness should get both vaccines.

The best way to prevent H1N1 is to get vaccinated, because viruses can be difficult to treat once the patient is already infected, according to the Web site.

So far this season, the CDC estimates 68 percent of all reported flu cases in the U.S. have been H1N1, which will be a dominant strain this flu season.

Since universities like K-State are so densely populated, it is important to take precautions to avoid contracting H1N1. According to the CDC Web site, people should wash their hands regularly, avoid those who might be ill and try not to touch their touch eyes, nose or mouth.

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